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PENTECOST SUNDAY

UNITED

WE CELEBRATE THE HOLY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

June 8, 9, and 12, 2019

Jesus longs for our relationship as Christians to be a partnership characterized by unity, joy, trust, and grace. Living in this broken world, there are going to be many things that divide us as Christians. Yet we also have so much in common. Let us celebrate the unity of the Holy Christian Church.

PRESERVICE (Sunday)

BELLS AND WELCOME

HYMN 182

BAPTISM (Sunday 7:45 am)

Joy and Elation, *Handbells*

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

Hymnal page 12 Dawson Leyland Lindner Son of Rand and Samantha (nee Rappuhn) Lindner, born May 13, 2019

- M In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

- M Come, Holy Spirit, who could not be contained by wind, or flame, or earthquake,
- C the one who blesses the Church with courage, peace, and love.
- M Come, Holy Spirit, to us, who gather this day with trembling hands and uncertain hearts.
- C Teach us to sing a new song; set us on fire with your love.
- M Here in this gathering of believers, as you did with those so long ago, breathe on us now.
- C Breathe on us, blowing away our fears and our hesitations.
- M Breathe on us, transforming our hard-heartedness into passion-filled lives.
- C Breathe on us, for we need peace, peace that only you can give. Amen.
- M Jesus said, "When the Spirit comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment."
- C The Spirit has cut us to the heart. What shall we do?
- M God's Word says: "Repent, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins." O Lord, hear our prayer, listen to our cry for mercy.

- All Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior, Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.
- M God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

LORD HAVE MERCY

M For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



M For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



M For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



M Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



M The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

SONG OF PRAISE HYMN 183, VV. 1, 2, 5

Holy Spirit, Light Divine

Holy Spirit, Light divine, Shine upon this heart of mine; Chase the gloom of night away; Turn the darkness into day.

Holy Spirit, Love divine, Cleanse this guilty heart of mine; In your mercy pity me; From sin's bondage set me free.

See, to you I give my heart; Cleanse my life in ev'ry part; Your own temple I would be Now and for eternity. PRAYER OF THE DAY

- M Let us pray.
- C Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people and kindle in us the fire of your love. We pray through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God, now and forever.



FIRST LESSON

PSALM OF THE DAY

Acts 2:1-21, Bible page 1091 The outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost

Psalm 51b, Hymnal page 87 *Come Holy Spirit, renew our hearts and kindle in us the fire of your love.*

GOSPEL

John 15:26,27, Bible page 1082

We testify with the Holy Spirit the truth about Jesus Christ, the Son of God.



Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord

Ephesians 2:14-22, Bible page 1174 Pastor Peter Panitzke

The Nicene Creed

CONFESSION OF FAITH

- We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
- We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
- We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Sermon

HYMN 176

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (Sunday)

The Gift of Love, *Handbells Vocal Trio: Bruce Boziel, Jon Eiche, and David Lemke*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M Praise to you, Holy Spirit. We worship and glorify you as the Lord and the giver of life. As you were present at the beginning of the world to give life to all created things, as you gave a new life of understanding to the disciples in your Pentecost baptism of fire, so by the baptism of water with the Word, you have made the light of faith shine in our hearts to know Jesus as our Lord. You have sanctified us, setting us apart to glorify you in godly living. Today we rejoice with the following couples celebrating anniversaries, because you have enabled them to put their faith into practice in loving marriages for so many years... In thanksgiving we confess:
- C I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him. But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.
- M Holy Spirit, all-seeing Counselor and fountain of all spiritual gifts, stand by us in the weakness of our sinful flesh. Grant us a right understanding of the truths that Jesus taught. Give us strength to endure with patience whatever afflictions God may send into our lives. We pray especially for... Help us, intercede for us, train us that we may pray to the Father with boldness and confidence. Preserve us by the power of your Word in our most holy faith as members of the Church, the body of Jesus, where there is forgiveness for all.
- C In this Christian Church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers.
- M Holy Spirit, highest comfort in every need, in these gray and last days of the world, strengthen our feeble hands, steady our weak knees, encourage our fearful hearts. Remind us of your Word and promises: "Be strong; do not fear. Your Lord will come again. He will come to save you." And in your final, mighty, creative act, O Holy Spirit, raise up our bodies so that we, together with all the saints, may lift up our heads and with glorified eyes see our Savior drawing near.
- C On the Last Day he will raise me and all the dead and give eternal life to me and all in Christ. This is most certainly true.

LORD'S PRAYER (Saturday and Wednesday)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Sunday)

M The Lord be with you.



M Lift up your hearts



M Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



M Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. By the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, he empowered his Church to be witnesses of Christ to the ends of the earth. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.





DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

Please see Communion note on page 7.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS 531 533

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation I Love Your Kingdom, Lord

THANK THE LORD



M Merciful Father, we give you thanks and praise that you have fed us with the precious body and blood of your dear Son for the forgiveness of our sin. By your grace fill us with the desire and the power to walk worthy of our holy calling and to reflect your glory in our daily lives; through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BLESSING

M Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESIDING MINISTER (Sunday) Pastor David Kuehl

ORGANIST Susan Oakes

OUR COMMUNION PRACTICE

The Lord's Supper is a fellowship meal. In this meal Jesus expresses his fellowship with us by giving us his body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. In this meal we also express our fellowship with each other, that is, that we are united in a common confession of faith.

If you are a member of St. Paul's or a member of a WELS or ELS congregation, we invite you to express our common confession by communing with us. You may wish to use the "Personal Preparation for Holy Communion" on page 156 of Christian Worship to examine yourself. Please register your intent to commune as a member or guest by filling out the Connection Card and placing it in the offering plate.

The light-colored cups in the center of the individual cup tray contain non-alcoholic wine. Glutenfree wafers are located in the trays on the Communion rail. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please inform an usher as you approach the rail. The first pew in the left center section is reserved for those who have difficulty approaching the Communion rail, and we kindly ask those who desire to be communed privately to use this pew.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of June 10, 2019

| MON | 10:00 am | Walking Club (Trinity Gym) |
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| TUE | 9:00 am | Southeast Wisconsin District Conference at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary |
| | 9:30 am | Ladies' Bible Study (Faith Room) |
| | 10:00 am | Walking Club (Trinity Gym) |
| | 10:00 am | Dorcas Society Picnic |
| | 6:00 pm | Picnic Planning Committee Meeting (Trinity Café) |
| | 7:00 pm | Following the Promise Bible Study – New Session! (Faith Room) |
| WED | 8:30 am | Southeast Wisconsin District Conference at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary |
| | 9:30 am | Mommy & Me (Faith Room) |
| | 7:00 pm | Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion |
| THURS | 6:30 am | Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room) |
| | 10:00 am | Walking Club (Trinity Gym) |
| | 7:00 pm | The Bridge and Contemporary Band Practice |
| SAT | 8:00 am | Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room) |
| | 5:00 pm | Traditional Worship Service |
| SUN | 7:45 am | Traditional Worship Service |
| | 8:30 am | Following the Promise Bible Study (School Classroom 8) |
| | 9:15 am | Traditional Worship Service |
| | 9:15 am | Grace Room Bible Study |
| | 9:45 am | The Bridge Communion |
| | 10:15 am | The Bridge |
| | 10:45 am | Contemporary Worship Service |

* Summer Office Hours for St. Paul's Church and School — Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

MAKE WEEKLY WORSHIP A PART OF YOUR SUMMER PLANS!

Our worship times remain the same during the summer. If you are gone over the weekend, join us for worship the following Wednesday at 7:00 pm. Watch or listen to the weekend message within 24 hours of the service at StPaulMuskego.org. The Bridge, our casual contemporary service, is also live on Sundays at 10:15 am at TheBridgeMuskego.org. An easy way to continue your financial support of gospel ministry here at St. Paul's while you are away is to sign up for online giving at www.stpaulmuskego.org/give. You may also text to give by texting a dollar amount (eg. \$25) to 414-316-6733. Thank you for your continued generosity!



Our vision is that by every possible means we bring every person in our area of influence closer to Christ through regular worship, small groups, and serving together.

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

A COOL SCHOOL—THANKS A COOL MILLION!

Work began in our school this week to replace aging boilers with a new HVAC system that will result in the entire school being air-conditioned. We have gifts and commitments of over \$650,000! Join us in praying that God will enable us to give the additional \$350,000 needed to fully fund this ministry effort. You can give online at StPaulMuskego.org/give or through the Cool Million mailing you will receive in the next couple of weeks.



FUNERAL

Robert Miller, born February 22, 1922, entered eternal life with his Savior on April 23, 2019. A Christian funeral will be held Saturday, June 15, at 11:00 am at Prairie Home Chapel in Waukesha. The visitation begins at 10:00 am. May the loved ones of Robert find comfort in the promises of the risen Savior today and always.

BAPTISM

Gavin Michael Brand, born February 2, 2019, son of Steven and Jessica (nee Sandvich) Brand, was baptized on Saturday, June 8, in a private ceremony. May God bless Gavin in his faith his whole life long.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Please pray for the following individuals in their time of need: Carol Beyer, David Burkowitz, Carol Gosseck, Connie Hikade, Lucille Krebs, Shelly Pearson, Mary Schauwitzer, Carol Smith, Jeanne Steinbrecher, and Dick and Jane Sternberg.

HOSPITALIZED

Lois Guhr is in hospice care at The View at Pine Ridge in Oconomowoc, and Dorothy Wardin is in home hospice care. Gary lves is at the VA Hospital, and Audrey Wefel is at Virginia Rehab and Health Center. Dennis Lassa has been discharged from the hospital.

ATTENDANCE

943 attended last week's worship services. 450 attended our Lutheran school graduation service on May 30.

CALLED WORKER APPRECIATION

It is with great joy and thanksgiving that we celebrate the following anniversaries of our called workers:

Dr. Joel Nelson - 40 years in the ministry Mr. Randy Fink - 20 years in the ministry

To honor their years of service, a card box will be available in the narthex on June 9 and June 16. Thank you in advance for your notes of appreciation and encouragement.

DIVINE CALL

Mr. Jeff Wetzel, our 5th grade teacher and 3rd-5th grade instructional team leader, has declined his call to First Lutheran Church and School in La Crosse to serve as their next principal and 7th and 8th grade teacher. We give thanks for Mr. Wetzel remaining as a leader and teacher in our school.

MAY / JUNE GRACE ROOM SERIES: A CASE FOR FAITH

Using video segments by journalist, Lee Strobel, as he journeys across the country challenging philosophers, theologians, and ordinary believers to defend their faith, St. Paul's member and leader, Mr. Jim Haag, will challenge you to discover what Jim's small group did when they went through the book *A Case for Faith* together. Join the discussion Sundays through June 23 in the Grace Room at 9:15 am.

FOLLOWING THE PROMISE - NEW SESSION BEGINS THIS WEEK

Following the Promise is a class designed to challenge us in what we think we know, introduce us to the world's only Savior in Jesus, and take us on a journey from creation to the cross and to the halls of heaven. Join Pastor Nate for a look at the basics of what the Bible teaches and how God's promises relate to you on Tuesdays, 7:00-8:15 pm, for 12 weeks. Members and guests! Text Pastor Nate at (414) 426-8236, email at nstrobel@stpaulmuskego.org, or register on the back of your Connection Card.

AWAKE AND ALIVE --- TONIGHT! --- JUNE 9

Awake and Alive is a ministry serving college students, young professionals, and anyone in the 18-25 generation and their leaders. The purpose of Awake and Alive is to inspire hope-filled young adults to live confident and fearless in who they are in Christ and share that hope with their world. The big summer kickoff happens here on the grounds of St. Paul's on Sunday, June 9. Food from Texas Roadhouse will be served, starting at 5:15 pm, with the main session at 6:30 pm.



Visit awakealive.com for more information. Not registered? No problem! Just join us for great food and a great time at 5:15 pm.

A LEADERSHIP EVENT YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS

On August 8 and 9, The Global Leadership Summit will be telecast live in HD to over 500 locations nationwide. St. Paul's will be one of the live telecast locations this year for the first time. Visit globalleadership.org to see the line-up of speakers already committed. St. Paul's receives a discounted rate of \$89 before June 25; \$119 after June 25. Register at StPaulMuskego.org\GLS with priority code PV2019.

NEW MALAWI MISSION COMMUNIQUE

The latest newsletter from Mission Partner John Holtz is available in the Welcome Center. Thank you for your generous support of this mission work! To give, mark your special gifts "Malawi Mission Partner."

VOLUNTEER WITH OUR SUNDAY MORNING CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES THIS FALL

Our Kids Club (3K-6th grade) and Boost (7th-8th grade) Sunday morning ministries have seen excellent growth over the past few years. This success is due in large part to a wonderful group of volunteers making it happen each Sunday. If you love kids and would enjoy sharing Jesus with them, mark the back of your Connection Card and Dr. Nelson will contact you regarding the various ways you can get involved. Dr. Nelson can also be reached directly at (414) 422-0320, ext. 145, or jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org.

A TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND WITH THE PANITZKES

Pastor Pete and his wife, Joni, will be leading a ten-day trip to the Holy Land the summer of 2020, with a three-day extension to Jordan. Dates are June 16-25. Register now to get the best price. The tour will likely fill quickly. Brochures with more information are available at the Welcome Center in the lobby.

TOUR THE EAST COAST THIS FALL WITH STONEY CREEK

What could be better than New England in the fall? Join Stoney Creek for a vacation tour traveling to the east coast September 27 - October 5. Explore mansions, museums, and more! Call Activities Director Anita by July 1 at (414) 422-4686 to register or for more information.

GroupWork Bible Study Discussion Starters Life application materials for use in Connector Groups, home devotions, and other small groups.

Get to know each other: If you grew up in the church, share your fondest memory from the church of your youth. If you became a believer as an adult, share how that happened.

Get to know Pentecost: The word Pentecost comes from the Greek Πεντηκοστή (Pentēkostē) meaning "fiftieth." In the Old Testament, it was a harvest festival. Small grains were planted in October at the beginning of the rainy season and harvested in April/May at the beginning of the dry season. Pentecost is celebrated on the 50th day after Passover. In the Old Testament, it is known as the "Feast of Weeks." The first Sunday after Passover was the "Feast of Firstfruits" when the grain harvest began. Seven weeks later, Pentecost celebrated the end of the harvest. Pentecost in the New Testament celebrates the beginning of the spiritual harvest. It is often called "the birthday of the Christian Church."

Celebrate the Church's birthday by reading Acts 2 together.

- I. Read Acts 2:1-13.
 - a. What evidence was there that the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit?
 - b. How does it make you feel to know that the same Holy Spirit is promised to you in your baptism? (See Acts 2:38-39)
 - c. How does the Holy Spirit make himself evident in your life?
- 2. Read Acts 2:14-21. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit is a sign we are living in "the last days" (2:28). How might that knowledge help keep you mission-focused?
- 3. Read Acts 2:22-35. Why do you think Peter included these ideas in his sermon?
 - A man accredited by God
 - God's set purpose and foreknowledge
 - His body did not see decay
- 4. Read Acts 2:36-41.
 - b. How would you have felt if you were part of the Pentecost crowd?
 - c. How might you use this account to help someone who feels they have done something so bad they can't be forgiven?
- 5. Close with the reading of Psalm 51:10-19 in The Passion Translation as your closing prayer for the Holy Spirit. The Passion Translation can be found on the BibleGateway and YouVersion Bible apps.

Celebrate the Unity of the Holy Christian Church

Ephesians 2:14-22, Bible page 1174

- I. Let the church burn down.
 - b. Let the "Wind" (______) burn down the dividing walls of hostility.
 - c. In the rubble, find the treasure of <u>p_____</u>.
- 2. See that the Church's foundation remains firm.
 - a. Dig down to the foundation, <u>C</u>and his <u>W</u>.
 - b. Where that foundation is present, the "<u>W</u>" builds a new Church.
- 3. Celebrate the beauty of the new Church.
 - a. Build carefully on the foundation because of the "<u>w</u>" of our time.
 - b. The "W_____" creates new beautiful forms.

My Next Steps

- Celebrate the coming of the "Wind." Read Acts 2, the entire account of Pentecost.
- Celebrate the coming of the "Wind" into your life. Memorize Acts 2:38-39, noticing that the promise of the Holy Spirit is given to you in your baptism.
- Celebrate the coming of the "Wind" to build His Church. If you are not reading the Bible daily already, begin reading the book of Acts and notice how often the Holy Spirit is mentioned as He builds God's Church.